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Attachment to Z-15656/82
NPIC/IEG (7/82)
2 JULY 1982**MODIFIED VICTOR-III SSN
GUBA LITSA SUBMARINE BASE SOUTH, USSR**

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: A NORTH FLEET VICTOR-III NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINE HAS BEEN MODIFIED.
2. (S/D) REMARKS: A NORTH FLEET VICTOR-III UNIT HAS BEEN MODIFIED BY THE ADDITION OF AN UNIDENTIFIED STRUCTURE ON THE WALKING DECK IMMEDIATELY FORWARD OF THE SAIL. THE STRUCTURE [REDACTED] IN LENGTH WITH A HEIGHT OF APPROXIMATELY 1.0 METERS. THE WIDTH OF THE OBJECT TAPERS FROM 2.0 METERS AT THE BOTTOM [REDACTED]. THE FUNCTION OF THIS UNIDENTIFIED STRUCTURE IS UNKNOWN. A REVIEW OF PAST IMAGERY INDICATED THE STRUCTURE WAS INSTALLED ON THIS VICTOR-III UNIT AT SEVERODVINSK NUCLEAR SUBMARINE SPECIAL SUPPORT FACILITY [REDACTED] IN EARLY SEPTEMBER 1981.

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(S/D) [REDACTED] ALL FIVE (TWO ON GRAPHIC) OF THE NORTH FLEET VICTOR-III UNITS WERE AT GUBA LITSA SUBMARINE BASE SOUTH. THE MODIFICATION WAS OBSERVED ON ONLY ONE OF THE FIVE UNITS. THIS MODIFIED VICTOR-III UNIT HAS SINCE BEEN OBSERVED [REDACTED] AT SEVERODVINSK NUCLEAR SUBMARINE SPECIAL SUPPORT FACILITY.

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(S/D) THIS UNIQUELY CONFIGURED SUBMARINE WAS OBSERVED BY THE USS BARNSTABLE COUNTY IN THE KOLA GULF [REDACTED] ENROUTE TO GUBA LITSA. THE UNIDENTIFIED STRUCTURE WAS FIRST REPORTED BY NOSIC. [REDACTED]

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3. (S) [REDACTED] COORDINATES 69-26-21N 032-25-00E
4. (S) COLLATERAL REFERENCE: NOSIC MARITIME OPINTEL SUMMARY 211716Z JUNE 1982.

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